

IN THE CLAIMS:

Claims 1-16. (Canceled)

17. (Currently Amended) A transaction managing apparatus used for a POS terminal, comprising:

a transaction defining unit which defines a plurality of unsettled transaction types, one of the plurality of unsettled transaction types is an unsettled transaction of prepayment of a total amount, namely, a deferred pickup delivery transaction on a principle of occurrence, the in which sales are summed up upon occurrence of the transaction; wherein said transaction defining unit defines the deferred delivery transaction on a principle of occurrence by setting forms type code information having a combination of categories in which a sales sum-up of the transaction amount with other transaction amounts timing is set to allowed a timing upon start occurrence of the transaction, [[a]] prepayment of the total amount is to necessary, and [[a]] delivery of goods is set to [[a]] postdelivery with respect to payment said deferred pickup transaction on the principle of occurrence; and

a management control unit which, in a case where said deferred pickup delivery transaction on the principle of occurrence is selected as the unsettled transaction, sequentially executes, as processes upon prepayment, an issue of upon payment, issues an incomplete transaction slip number, receives as an input of a delivery date of goods, receives as an input a registration of goods, receives as an input a registration of an amount of payment, a confirmation of a confirms payment of a total amount, an error display in case of nonpayment, an issue of outputs data for a customer copy with said slip number, and outputs data that indicates that the transaction amount is allowed to be

~~summed-up with amounts from other transactions in which the sum-up is allowed, a sum-up of sales amounts; and sequentially executes, as processes upon delivery, a display of outputs incomplete transaction information by after receipt of an input of the slip number, receives as an input a registration of a delivery, and a ~~termination of outputs data that indicates that the incomplete unsettled transaction is complete.~~~~

18. (Currently Amended) A transaction managing apparatus used for a POS terminal, comprising:

a transaction defining unit which defines a plurality of unsettled transaction types, ~~one of the plurality of unsettled transaction types is an unsettled transaction of prepayment of a total amount, namely, a deferred pickup delivery transaction on a principle of completion, the in which sales are summed up upon completion of the transaction; wherein said transaction defining unit defines the deferred delivery transaction on the principle of completion by setting forms type code information having a combination of categories in which a sales sum-up of the transaction amount with other transaction amounts ~~timing is set to allowed a timing upon completion of the transaction, [[the]] prepayment of a total amount [[is]] to necessary, and [[a]] delivery of goods is set to [[a]] postdelivery with respect to payment said deferred pickup transaction on the principle of completion; and~~~~

a management control unit which, in a case where said deferred pickup delivery transaction on the principle of completion is selected as the unsettled transaction, ~~sequentially executes, as processes upon prepayment, an issue of issues an incomplete transaction slip number, receives as an input of a delivery date of goods,~~

receives as an input a registration of goods, receives as an input a registration of an amount of payment, ~~a confirmation of a~~ confirms payment of a total amount, ~~an error display in case of nonpayment,~~ and ~~an issue of~~ outputs data for a customer copy with said slip number; and ~~sequentially executes, as processes~~ upon delivery, ~~a display of~~ outputs incomplete transaction information by after receipt of an input of the slip number, receives as an input a registration of a delivery, ~~a sum-up of sales amounts,~~ outputs data that indicates that the transaction amount is allowed to be summed-up with amounts from other transactions in which the sum-up is allowed and ~~a termination of~~ outputs data that indicates that the incomplete unsettled transaction is complete.

19. (Currently Amended) A transaction managing apparatus used for a POS terminal, comprising:

a transaction defining unit which defines a plurality of unsettled transaction types, one of the plurality of unsettled transaction types is an unsettled transaction of deferred payment sales for a specific customer, namely, a deferred payment transaction on a principle of occurrence, the in which sales are summed up upon occurrence of the transaction; and wherein said transaction defining unit defines the deferred payment transaction on the principle of occurrence by setting forms type code information having a combination of categories in which a sales sum-up timing of the transaction amount with other transaction amounts is set to allowed a timing upon occurrence start of the transaction, ~~[[a]] prepayment~~ ~~[[is]]~~ to unnecessary, and ~~[[a]] delivery of goods is set to~~ ~~[[a]] predelivery with respect to said deferred payment transaction on the principle of occurrence;~~ and

a management control unit which, in a case where said deferred payment transaction on the principle of occurrence is selected as the unsettled transaction, ~~sequentially executes, as processes upon delivery, prepayment, an issue of issues~~ an incomplete transaction slip number, receives as an input of a delivery date of goods, receives as an input a registration of goods, receives as an input a registration of an amount of payment including a zero payment, ~~an issue of~~ outputs data for a customer copy with said slip number, ~~a sum-up of sales amounts,~~ outputs data that indicates that the transaction amount is allowed to be summed-up with amounts from other transactions in which the sum-up is allowed and receives as an input a registration of a delivery; and ~~sequentially executes, as processes upon payment, a display of~~ outputs incomplete transaction information by after receipt of the input of said slip number, receives as an input a registration of an amount of payment, and in case of a zero balance, ~~a termination of~~ outputs data that indicates that the incomplete unsettled transaction is complete.

20. (Currently Amended) A transaction managing apparatus used for a POS terminal, comprising:

a transaction defining unit which defines a plurality of unsettled transaction types, one of the plurality of unsettled transaction types is an unsettled transaction of deferred payment sales for a specific customer, namely, a deferred payment transaction on a principle of completion, the in which sales are summed up upon completion of the transaction; wherein said transaction defining unit defines the deferred payment transaction on the principle of completion by setting forms type code information having

~~a combination of categories in which a sales sum-up timing of the transaction amount with other transaction amounts is set to a timing allowed upon completion of the transaction, [[a]] prepayment [[is]] to unnecessary, and [[a]] delivery of goods is set to a predelivery with respect to said deferred payment transaction on the principle of completion; and~~

a management control unit which, in a case where said deferred payment transaction on the principle of completion is selected as the unsettled transaction, ~~sequentially executes, as processes upon delivery, prepayment, an issue of issues~~ an incomplete transaction slip number, receives as an input of a delivery date of goods, receives as an input a registration of goods, receives as an input a registration of an amount of payment including a zero payment, ~~an issue of outputs data for a customer copy with said slip number, and~~ receives as an input a registration of a delivery; and ~~sequentially executes, as processes upon payment, a display of outputs~~ incomplete transaction information by after receipt of the input of said slip number, receives as an input a registration of an amount of payment, ~~a sum-up of sales amounts and~~ in case of a zero balance, ~~and a termination of outputs data that indicates that the incomplete~~ unsettled transaction is complete and outputs data that indicates that the transaction amount is allowed to be summed-up with amounts from other transactions in which the sum-up is allowed.

Claims 21-33. (Canceled)